(b) the amount likely to be allotted to each State for implementation of the sche. mes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI)., (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education— 1986 resolve's that highest priority will be given to solving the problem of children dropping out of schools. A large and systematic programme of non-formal-education will be launched for schools drop-outs and non-attending children.

Apart from new initiatives and strengthening of existing arrangements by the state governments, as primarily they look after school education, the Government of India is contemplating some new initiative including 'Operation Blackboards', strengthening and reorganisation of Non-formal education, Teacher training and develoment of Core Curriculum. Specific schemes have yet to be finalised. Specific alotments to State governments under these schemes would depend on the details of the schemes and therefore cannot be specified yet.

Research projects of ICSSR

180. DR. MOHD. HASHlM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research projects undertaken by the Indian Council of Social Science Research during th© last three years;

(b) the number of research projects completed during the last three years;

(c) The amount sanctioned and utilised for each project during the same period; and

(d) the details of these projects along with names and academic qualifications of the heads of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The ICSSR does not undertake any research by itself. However, financial assistance was sanctioned for undertaking 258 research projects during the last three years. 223 research projects including those sanctioned in the earlier years were completed during the last three years.

(c) and (d) A statement giving details of the amount sanctioned and released for each of 258 research projects sanctioned during the last three years is attached at Appendix. *[See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 86] . The amount released has been given in brackets against each prc-ject The appended statement also gives the topics of the research projects and the names of scholars who were sanctioned financial assistance for the research projects. Most of these scholars are Ph. D and in some cases postgraduates, having published articles in academic journals to their credit.

Publication of Railway Time-Table

181. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased *to* state:

(a) what are the languages in addition to English and Hindi in which the Railway Time-Tables are published;

(b) what is the total expenditure incurred on the publication of Railway Timt--Table during the last three years; and

(c) what is the total earnings of Railway on this account during this last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) Apart from Hindi and English, some Zonal Railways also publish their time tables in Assamese, Bengali, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odiya, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu languages.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of of the Sabha.

Metro-Railway in Calcutta

182. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: "Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Metro Railway service in Calcutta was suspended due to a derailment on September 1, 1986;

(b) if so, what were the reasons for such derailment; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A high level Enquiry Committee has been constituted to So into the causes of the derailment and suggest preventive measures.

Shortage of wagons and coaches

183. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERIEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of wagons and coaches in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken 1o remove the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): a) The rail transport targets for 1986-87 are by and large expected to be achieved with the enisting fleet and the proposed acquisition of wagons and coaches.

(b) and (c) Do not arise, in view of (a).

Incentives for Adopting Small Family Norms

184. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch a new scheme to give special incentives to those who adopt the small family norms; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) No new scheme to give special incentives to the adopters of the small family norm has so far been finalised.

Primer on cultural heritage of country

185. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)' whether Government propose to prepare a "Cultural Primer"—a handbook for teachers—to help acquaint children with the basic facts about the country's cultural heritage; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, in the implementation of the National Policy on Education, 1986, relating to universalisa-tion of elementary education the plan of action includes preparation of a "Cultural Primer" as a handbook for teachers and workers engaged in the institutional care of children at the pre primary level. The idea is to arouse in the children at early stage a sensitivity and love for arts through the use of local material. The format